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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/935,516 filed August 23, 2001. Please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Title:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

~~HIGH MOLECULAR FLOCCULANT, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE A HIGH-MOLECULAR WEIGHT FLOCCULANT AND WATER TREATMENT METHOD EMPLOYING THE FLOCCULANT~~